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SUBJECT: TURKEY: LABOR FEDERATIONS UNLIKELY TO TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN USG CUBA INITIATIVE

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(U) Classified by Polcounselor John Kunstadter; reasons: 1.5
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(C) Turkey's three main labor federations, center-right leaning Turk-Is (Federation of Turkish Workers' Unions), Islamist, conservative Hak-Is (Federation of Worker's Rights Unions), and communist DISK (Federation of Revolutionary Workers' Unions) focus exclusively on domestic Turkish labor rights issues. It is unlikely that these unions will break from traditional tendencies to remain passive on international labor issues and play an active role in supporting labor rights in Cuba.

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